

B. Status Of Claims

Claims 13-19 were pending in the application prior to the instant Amendment.

Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 13 and 19.

Claims 13, and 15-19 are now pending.

C Pending Claims

Claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being an obvious advancement in the art over Simons (5,562,211) in view of Cole (5,622,761).

Applicant has amended claims 13 and 19 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claim 13 (Amended) sets forth a transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two-dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface. The transfer apparatus comprises a flexible foam member defining a longitudinal length extending between a first and a second end. The flexible foam member defines a thickness between a first and a second side and defines a width between a first and a second edge. The longitudinal length of the flexible foam member is greater than the width and the thickness forming a longitudinally extending strip. The flexible foam member has a resiliently compressible thickness for accommodating for any minor variations between the first surface and second surfaces.

A weak adhesive is disposed on the first side of the flexible foam member. A strong adhesive is disposed on the second side of the flexible foam member with the strong adhesive having greater adhesive strength than the weak adhesive.

A first removable protective strip is disposed on the first side of the flexible foam member for preventing the first side of the flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of the first protective strip. A second removable protective strip is disposed on the second side of the flexible foam member for preventing the second side of the flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of the second protective strip.

One of the first and second removable protective strips is larger than the other of the first and second removable protective strips for providing a visual indication of the difference between the first and second sides of the foam member.

The longitudinal length of the flexible foam member being greater than the width of the flexible foam member enables the flexible foam member to be bent about one of the first and second edges of the flexible foam member to fashion the flexible foam member for creating a foam template of the complex two dimensional object.

The foam template is temporarily affixable to the first surface by the weak adhesive of the flexible foam member attaching to the first surface. The foam template is transferable from the first surface to the second surface upon engagement of the second surface with the strong adhesive of the foam member to affix the foam template to the second surface whereupon the withdrawal of the second surface from the first surface detaches the foam template from the first surface to transfer the foam template from the first surface to the second surface.

There is no teaching or suggestion in any of the prior art of record of using any such combination as set forth in claim 13 (AMENDED). There is no suggestion or teaching of any of the prior art of record of providing a longitudinal length of the flexible foam member to be greater than the width of the flexible foam member for enabling the flexible foam member to be bent about one of the first and second edges of the flexible foam member to fashion the flexible foam member

for creating a foam template of the complex two dimensional object.

Claim 19 (AMENDED) sets forth a transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two-dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface. Claim 19 (AMENDED) sets forth one of the first and second removable protective strips having a greater width than the foam member to extend beyond one of the first and second edges of the flexible foam member for defining an overlapping edge. The overlapping edge extends along the longitudinal length of the foam member for defining a continuous overlapping tab for providing a visual indication of the difference between the first and second sides of the foam member. The flexible foam member is fashionably in the shape of complex two dimensional object by cutting the flexible foam member into segments to form a foam template of the complex two dimensional object with each of the segments having a portion of the overlapping tab for providing the visual indication of the difference between the first and second sides of the foam member.

This embodiment has the advantage of providing a continuous overlapping tab extending along a longitudinal length of the foam member. Accordingly, a portion of the overlapping tab is present when the longitudinal length of the foam member is severed into segments to form a foam template of the complex two-dimensional object. Each of the severed segments of the longitudinal length of the foam member is provided with an overlapping tab for providing the visual indication of the difference between the first and second sides of the foam member. There is no teaching or suggestion in any of the prior art of record of using any such combination as set forth in claim 19 (AMENDED).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 13 and 15-19 are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance of the claims is therefore respectfully solicited. For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted are all in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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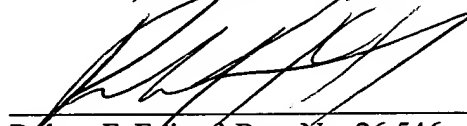
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Applicant verily believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. The undersigned attorney of record cordially invites any telephonic communications from the examiner that may assist the examiner in the examination and to expedite the allowance and issuance of Letters Patent on the subject invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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13. (AMENDED) A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface, comprising:
- a flexible foam member defining a longitudinal length extending between a first and a second end;
 - said a flexible foam member defining a thickness between having a first and a second side and defining a width between a first and a second edge;
 - said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member greater than said width and said thickness forming a longitudinally extending strip;
 - said flexible foam member having a resiliently compressible thickness for accommodating for any minor variations between the first surface and second surfaces;
 - a weak adhesive disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member;
 - a strong adhesive disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member;
 - said strong adhesive having greater adhesive strength than said weak adhesive;
 - a first removable protective strip disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member for preventing said first side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said first protective strip;
 - a second removable protective strip disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member for preventing said second side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said second protective strip;
 - one of said first and second removable protective strips being larger than the other of the first and second removable protective strips for providing a visual indication of the difference between the first and second sides of said foam member;
 - said flexible foam member being fashionably in the shape of a complex two dimensional

object for creating a foam template thereby;

said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member being greater than said width of said flexible foam member enabling said flexible foam member to be bent about one of said first and second edges of said flexible foam member to fashion said flexible foam member being fashionable in the shape of a complex two dimensional object for creating a foam template thereby of the complex two dimensional object.

said foam template being temporarily affixable to the first surface by said weak adhesive of said flexible foam member attaching to the first surface; and

said foam template being transferable from the first surface to the second surface upon engagement of the second surface with said strong adhesive of said foam member to affix said foam template to the second surface whereupon the withdrawal of the second surface from the first surface detaches the foam template from the first surface to transfer said foam template from the first surface to the second surface.

19. (AMENDED) A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface, comprising:

a flexible foam member defining a longitudinal length extending between a first and a second end;

said a flexible foam member defining a thickness between having a first and a second side and defining a width between a first and a second edge;

said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member greater than said width and said thickness forming a longitudinally extending strip;

said flexible foam member having a resiliently compressible thickness for accommodating

any minor variations between the first surface and second surfaces;

a weak adhesive disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member;

a strong adhesive disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member;

said strong adhesive having greater adhesive strength than said weak adhesive;

a first removable protective strip disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member
for preventing said first side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a
surface prior to removal of said first protective strip;

a second removable protective strip disposed on said second side of said flexible foam
member for preventing said second side of said flexible foam member from
adhering to a surface prior to removal of said second protective strip;

one of said first and second removable protective strips having a greater width than said
width of said foam member for defining an overlapping edge extending beyond one
of said first and second edges of said flexible foam member and along a said
longitudinal length of said foam member for defining a continuous overlapping tab
for providing a visual indication of the difference between said first and second
sides of said foam member;

said flexible foam member being fashionable in the shape of a complex two dimensional
object by cutting said flexible foam member into segments to form a foam template
of the complex two dimensional object with each of said segments having a portion
of said overlapping tab for providing said visual indication of the difference between
said first and second sides of said foam member;

said foam template being temporarily affixable to the first surface by said weak adhesive of
said flexible foam member attaching to the first surface; and

said foam template being transferable from the first surface to the second surface upon engagement of the second surface with said strong adhesive of said foam member to affix said foam template to the second surface whereupon the withdrawal of the second surface from the first surface detaches the foam template from the first surface to transfer said foam template from said first surface to the second surface.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

13. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface, comprising:
- a flexible foam member defining a longitudinal length extending between a first and a second end;
- said flexible foam member defining a thickness between a first and a second side and defining a width between a first and a second edge;
- said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member greater than said width and said thickness forming a longitudinally extending strip;
- said flexible foam member having a resiliently compressible thickness for accommodating for any minor variations between the first surface and second surfaces;
- a weak adhesive disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member;
- a strong adhesive disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member;
- said strong adhesive having greater adhesive strength than said weak adhesive;
- a first removable protective strip disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member for preventing said first side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said first protective strip;
- a second removable protective strip disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member for preventing said second side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said second protective strip;
- one of said first and second removable protective strips being larger than the other of the first and second removable protective strips for providing a visual indication of the

difference between the first and second sides of said foam member;

said flexible foam member being fashionable in the shape of a complex two dimensional object for creating a foam template thereby;

said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member being greater than said width of said flexible foam member enabling said flexible foam member to be bent about one of said first and second edges of said flexible foam member to fashion said flexible foam member for creating a foam template of the complex two dimensional object;

said foam template being temporarily affixable to the first surface by said weak adhesive of said flexible foam member attaching to the first surface; and

said foam template being transferable from the first surface to the second surface upon engagement of the second surface with said strong adhesive of said foam member to affix said foam template to the second surface whereupon the withdrawal of the second surface from the first surface detaches the foam template from the first surface to transfer said foam template from the first surface to the second surface.

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15. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object as set forth in claim 13, wherein said flexible foam member being fashionable in the shape of a complex two dimensional object includes said flexible foam member being cut into segments to form a foam template of the complex two dimensional object.
16. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object as set forth in claim 13, wherein said one of said first and second removable protective strips being larger than the other of the first and second removable protective strips includes said

one of said first and second removable protective strips extending past a first and a second end of said foam member for defining a first and a second overlapping tab for providing a visual indication of the difference between said first and second sides of said foam member.

17. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object as set forth in claim 13, wherein said one of said first and second removable protective strips being larger than the other of the first and second removable protective strips includes said one of said first and second removable protective strips having a greater width than said foam member for defining an overlapping edge extending along a length of said foam member for defining a continuous overlapping tab for providing a visual indication of the difference between said first and second sides of said foam member.
 18. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object as set forth in claim 13, wherein said foam member has a resiliently compressible thickness between 0.0675 inches and 0.25 inches for accommodating for any minor variations in the first surface and second surfaces.
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19. A transfer apparatus for transferring a template of a complex two dimensional object from a first surface to a second surface, comprising:
a flexible foam member defining a longitudinal length extending between a first and a second end;
said flexible foam member defining a thickness between having a first and a second side and defining a width between a first and a second edge;

said longitudinal length of said flexible foam member greater than said width and said thickness forming a longitudinally extending strip;

said flexible foam member having a resiliently compressible thickness for accommodating any minor variations between the first surface and second surfaces;

a weak adhesive disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member;

a strong adhesive disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member;

said strong adhesive having greater adhesive strength than said weak adhesive;

a first removable protective strip disposed on said first side of said flexible foam member for preventing said first side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said first protective strip;

a second removable protective strip disposed on said second side of said flexible foam member for preventing said second side of said flexible foam member from adhering to a surface prior to removal of said second protective strip;

one of said first and second removable protective strips having a greater width than said width of said foam member for defining an overlapping edge extending beyond one of said first and second edges of said flexible foam member and along said longitudinal length of said foam member for defining a continuous overlapping tab for providing a visual indication of the difference between said first and second sides of said foam member;

said flexible foam member being fashionably in the shape of a complex two dimensional object by cutting said flexible foam member into segments to form a foam template of the complex two dimensional object with each of said segments having a portion of said overlapping tab for providing said visual indication of the difference between

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said first and second sides of said foam member;

said foam template being temporarily affixable to the first surface by said weak adhesive of

said flexible foam member attaching to the first surface; and

said foam template being transferable from the first surface to the second surface upon

engagement of the second surface with said strong adhesive of said foam member to

affix said foam template to the second surface whereupon the withdrawal of the

second surface from the first surface detaches the foam template from the first

surface to transfer said foam template from said first surface to the second surface.

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